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TO: File

FROM: Paul Baker, Reclamation Biologist

SUBJECT: Approved Variances, Western Utah Copper, WUCC Copper Mine, M0010067, Task 687, Beaver County, Utah

The Division is approving the following variance requests related to soils and vegetation:

R647-4-111.12. Topsoil replacement is not required for the safety berms, the pit, or the top of the existing waste dump.

R647-4-111.13 Revegetation success standards will not be applied for the pit and pit safety berm, but the safety berm needs to be reseeded.

No topsoil is available for salvage or replacement in the existing pit and dump areas. This material was stripped as overburden many years ago. The proposed pit area will have slopes of 50 to 55 degrees where topsoil replacement is not practical.

Because soil is not available and much of the material that will remain on the surface is rock, revegetation success standards will not be applied to the pit and the pit safety berm, but as an alternate method to meet the goals of the act, the operator will seed the berm.

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